Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

This column is the personal opinion of Kenny Jenks and is based on his 30+ years of policing experience. It is not necessarily the official opinion of the City of Anna or the Anna Police Department. If you wish to Email, include your name and address in the correspondence. Your information will be edited before sending it to print.

Dear Readers,

I hope you had a great first week of school for the 2011-2012 school year.

Q: Chief Jenks, when is National Night out this year? Kim—Tara Farms

Dear Kim,

The City of Anna Police Department, along with most agencies in Texas, has moved National Night out to the first Tuesday in October. Temperatures in August have always endeared Texas law enforcement officers to move the NNO to the early fall and it was done about 2 years ago.

Anna will have a Community event scheduled in the City for those who wish to attend @ Slayter Creek Park. Please contact Sgt. Jeff Caponera with questions about NNO. As it comes closer, we will put information out on the event.

Q: I recently went out of town on vacation and the Anna Police Department conducted patrol of my area for me. I want to thank you and the officers for helping with that while I was gone. Tanya— Creekside

Dear Tanya,

You are very welcome and I am glad that your house was fine upon your return. The Anna Police Department is glad that we are able to conduct house (vacation) watches for our citizens who go out of town.

To request a house watch just go to our web-site: http://annatexas.gov/Cms/Documents/Extra%20Patrol%20Form.pdf and download the form, fill it out, and drop it by the police

department. If you are too busy to do that, then just look at the form on the web and answer all of the questions in an Email and send it to us.

*Phone numbers: Emergency???? Dial 911. To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

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